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Erie County reports 24 new positive cases of COVID-19; cumulative case total is 20,790; 3 additional deaths

Erie, PA – County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper and Erie County Department of Health announce 24 new positive cases of COVID-19 and three additional deaths have been reported in Erie County as of 11:59 p.m. on May 18.

The total cumulative cases of COVID-19 in Erie County since March 2020 is 20,790, with 468 deaths (reported in NEDSS). Updated data can be found on the "[Positive Cases in Erie County](#)" page on [eriecountypa.gov](#).

Of the cumulative cases, 52% are female and 48% are male. The breakdown of cumulative cases by race/ethnicity is as follows:

- 56% White residents
- 7% African American/Black residents
- 2% Asian residents
- 1% Other
- 34% Unknown

Three percent of the cases are Hispanic, of any race; 38% are not Hispanic; and 59% are unknown.

The age breakdown of the cumulative cases looks like this:

- 1% are ages 0-4
- 2% are ages 5-9
- 9% are ages 10-18
- 12% are ages 19-24
- 38% are ages 25-49
- 21% are ages 50-64
- 17% are ages 65 and older

Note: Percent values of each breakdown may not total 100 due to rounding.

The [age, race and gender report](#), a [seven-day daily case count breakdown and zone map data](#), and the [wastewater report](#) can be found on [eriecountypa.gov](#). (Refresh each page to see most recent update.)

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During today's press briefing, County Executive Dahlkemper and Melissa Lyon, director of the Erie County Department of Health, were joined by representatives from local healthcare systems, who provided updates on COVID-19 and vaccinations.

Guests included:

- John A. Gennaro, Director of Erie VA Medical Center
- Emily Shears, Director of Operations at UPMC Hamot
- Dan Muccio, MD, Chief Medical Officer at AHN Saint Vincent Hospital
- Marcus C. Babiak, Chief Operating Officer of Millcreek Community Hospital

Watch today's press briefing [here](#).

The last regular weekly COVID-19 press briefing will take place Wednesday, May 26, at 3 p.m. Future briefings will be conducted as needed.

All unvaccinated residents are reminded to wear a mask that covers their nose and mouth when near anyone who does not live inside their home, keep a 6-foot distance from others, stay home when feeling ill, wash hands frequently, and limit activities outside of their homes.

All questions related to COVID-19 should be directed to Erie County Department of Health at 814-451-6700 or ecdhinfo@eriecountypa.gov.

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